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If Thursday Is Your Jonah Day, Think Of Friday, the Thirteenth.

Sporting

A Girl In Blue Is the New Mascot Of the New York Giants.

A CUBAN JOKE Little Stories About Baseball By W. A. Phelon

E have our own ideas of everything down in our island," says Armando Marsans, the Cuban outfielder, "and most especially, we have our own iden of humor. Some of the jokes we play might

have our own iden of humor. Some of the jokes we play might not be popular in this country, and some of your American jokes might not be well received in Cuba. Only a week before I came up for the 1912 season, one of our hotels was so crowded that people were sleeping on cots in the hall. Some of us found a Spanlard so sleeping, picked up his cot, and carried it all the way to the Hotel Inglaterra, where we set it down on the sidewalk, the Spanlard never waking up at all. In the morning, a great crowd came to laugh at the Spanlard, and the Spanlard, when he woks up, was very peevish. Thut was a good joke in Cuba.

But one of these Cuban jokes, I must say, changed my basehall destiny. I would have been a pitcher—possibly a Mathewson or Brown—but for this bit of humor—who can tell? Anyhow, this was how it happened. When I first broke into baseball. I was a pitcher, and, to my natural glee and satisfaction, I seemed to be a whale of a pitcher at that. In the first real game I pitched, I shut out a strong team with three hits and struck out II men. Rafalel Aimeida, who is now a big league infielder, was my catcher, and we had great daydreams of fame and fortune as a winning battery.

"That alght, having nothing cise to do, I got a friend to call Aimeida by phone and fell him that a lovely senorita wished to see him, and would he please come to the corner of the Malecon—our finest boulevard—wearing a red rose, so she would know him. And when Almeida and his red rose came to the Malecon, half Havann was there to give him, as you Americans say, the horse laugh—the equine ha-hn. Almeida said it was one good joke, but I have since suspected that he was secretly annoyed. Anyway, three days linter Almeida and myself were engaged as a battery, at great expense, by the most prominent club in the Island, and all Cuba came to see us in our opening game.

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"I faced the first batsman and I threw one. Bam! It was a hit for three bases. This is but luck, said I, and threw another. Blamm! It was hit for two bases. Soon I will stop this batting streak, said I, and put lots of steam into the next one. Wang! It was a home run. Why prolong so sad a story! In five innings they make 16 hits, and I decide that I am not fitted to be a pitcher. So I resign from the work of pitching and become an outfielder. And senors, ever and often I wonder how it came that I was hit so hard, but I never knew—until one day Almeida tells it to me. He had told every batter, as he stood behind them at the plate, exactly what I was to throw, and, of course, all my curves were at their mercy.

"You play good joke on me, said Rafael Almelda. 'So I play good joke on you. Was if not exquisite in its humor! Sixteen hits—oh, such a evening up of the comedy, my dear Marsans.'

"And I pursue Rafael Almeida with a large bat and great ferocity but soon my wrath subside, for it is too late, and m on more a pitcher. But what think you, senors, of our Cuban humor, and of this Almeida's idea of jesting!"

Death Of "Bugs" Raymond Is Lesson For Other Ball Players

Former Giant Had Opportunity of Being One of the Greatest Pitchers in the World.

By DAMON RUNYON.

HE death of Arthur Raymond, and the New York club a vast amo HE death of Arthur Raymond, season of Chief Bender and Rube Oldring by the patient Connie Mack furnish food for reflection.

"Bugs" Raymond might have been one of the greatest pitchers in the world today. He might have been one of the highest salaried men in the game. He would certainly have figured in the world's series last fall, and perhaps in the big conflict next month, had he been as much master of himself as he was master of big league batsmen. At a time when the baseball world might have been talking of him with feverish interest, he dies alone, and probably destitute, remembered more for his idiosyncrasies than for his abili.

skill.

John J. McGraw considered Raymond a remarkable pitcher. For that reason the Glant chief took him when few others wanted the erratic apit baller; for that reason McGraw exercised extraordinary patience with the big fellow. It will be remembered that McGraw even employed a "keeper" for Raymond, a move seriously intended for Raymond's good, which brought the "Bug"

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Moral in Fate of "Buga." Moral in Fate of "Buga."

Chief Bender is a man who has but a few more years at the most before he reaches the end of the big league tether. Rube Oldring is a youngster with a career before him. Just a few short mouths ago Bender was the bero of a world's series, and friends of the Athletics believe that only his defection prevented him from figuring in another. Both Bender and Oldring might find a moral in the fate of Flaymond, if the allegations against them are true.

When the pennant is surely clinched, McGraw will begin looking over his young pitchers and relieving his regulars as much as possible with Groh, Shafer and Burns and other substitutes. He is particularly anxious to get a line on Al Demarce and Theodore! Goulait in action, as both these recruits come with impressive records and stand the Glant manager considerable money. He has already seen La Rue Kirby under fire and will examine him further, along with Bader, the Dallas boy, and several others.

Craudall is "Lucky Pitcher." Crandall is "Lucky Pitcher."

Leon Ames pitched great ball for the Giants on haif a dozen occasions recently, both in starting and finishing games. It has so happened, however, that he never got enough runs behind him to collect the gray.

In Philadelphia, Otis Crandall fell into two victories for himself by finishing games, giving him a total of about 14 won and five lost. He has figured in 34 games, but of that number it is doubtful if he has started and completed more than three or four. Crandall is now hitting 303 and is "pinching" in his old time fashion.

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Just What Were the Gentlemen's Politics, Scoop?

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Yale Men Hope To Put Eleven In Lead For Gridiron Honors

Confidence in Ex-Captain Howe, Who Will Coach Team, Prevails at New Haven.

Then, too. Yale has a captain in Spalding who seems well fitted for a leader. He was a high-class player last year and has already introduced a number of innovations, at least for a captain. He was mainly responsible for the unusually long and severe spring practice which the Yale candidates had last April. That practice was called very shortly after the announcement of the new rules. Capt. Spalding's idea was that the men should have the rule so thoroughly mastered before the fall work begun. Just what was accomplished can not be told until the season is well started, but all those in authority were enthusiastic over the results obtained. siastic over the results obtained.

Good Material This Year.

Tale is abundantly blessed with good material for this year's team. Of last year's veterans the Elis retained Capt. Spalding, Camp, Dunn and Freeman for the back field. With the exception of the back field. With the exception of ex-captain Howe it is practically the same quartet that won the blue last year. In the line Ketcham is back at center and Sheldon and Mommisler, the two veterans, are back for end. In addition to them there are two good men in Avery and Gallauer. The most serious problem the coaches will have to solve is that of finding two competent tackles and guards. The freshman class, however, will provide a number of high-class men, and it is a notable fact that Yale is never at a loss for big men.

To take ex-captain Howe's place at

To take ex-capiain Howe's place at quarterback the Yale coaches think very highly of Cornell, the former Exeter man. Cornell was probably the best all-around athlete in the freshman class last year. Besides being a good football player, he was a 10-second man on the track. Particular attention was devoted to him during the spring practice.

New Rules Will Help.

A belief prevails at New Haven that A belief prevails at New Haven that this year's rules will be particularly beneficial to Yale, also that the Eliscoaches will make more out of them than their rivals. This last idea is borne out by the fact that Yale men have held a number of conferences during the summer on the new rules and the tactics which ought to be followed. Tom Shevlin, who has given Yale most of her new plays for the last three years, has some new ideas which he thinks will be useful. To that end he brought a number of Yale's leading authorities and captain Spalding to his home in Minneapelis where a number of summer conferences were held on the subject of the new rules. It is also reported that a number of new plays made possible by the 1912 rules were tried out in this hastily provised laboratory.

The feature of the new rules which

laboratory.

The feature of the new rules which pleases Yale more than anything else is the granting of an extra down in which to make 10 yards. Yale men see in this amendment not so much a likelihood that it will mean a resumption of the old line smashing tactics as that it will give the quarterback a better opportunity to try out his offense. They also assert what all football men agree upon that it will bring about the proper equilibrium between the offense and the defense.

How Summer Work Is Done.

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On the subject of preliminary practice it should not be supposed that all the big universities are as inactive as present reports would indicate. As a matter of fact, the practice has existed at a number of big universities to conduct summer work in various camps. Every football candidate who wishes is given a football when he leaves in June in order that he may practice kicking, etc., during the summer. Then again football men from certain colleges have a way of meeting during the summer at various camps or seaside resorts where they take exercise in football training. This, of course, is nobody's business, but may explain to some extent the apparent reluctance of some colleges to begin work the first week in September.

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On the subject of preliminary practice colleges of the middle west are at a disadvantage if they belong to the Intercollegiate Conference Association. This association was the first to take definite action on the subject by passing a rule prohibiting any of its members to engage in practice before September 15. Such a rule could not be enforced in the east for the reason that the east bas no central association.

Harvard Meets Sept. 16.

Coach Percy B. Haughton of Harvard has called the crimeon candidates together for Sept. 16. The crimson had a splendid nucleus of last year's veterans with which to start this season. In addition, coach Haughton has got together the best staff of coaches seen at Cambridge in a good many years, both of the Withington brothers will be on hand throughout the season and coach the line men. In the back field Wiggleswroth will coach the quarter-backs, while Haughton himself will instruct the half backs and full backs. Leary, who has had great success in Harvard Meets Sept. 16.

ONFIDENCE predeveloping high-class ends, will once
wails at New Haven
that the football
problem will be
solved by Yale to the
satisfaction of every
one. Great confidence in the ability
of ex-captain Howe,
who is to act as
head coach. All during his college career Howe had a better football head
than physique. In
fact the writer has always maintained
that it was Howe's generalship more
than captain Coy's individual brilliancy
that was responsible for Yale's tremendous successes in 1903. As a field general Howe has had few equals and he
ought to be eminently successful as a
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Particularly while the old rules were in force Yale contended that she could not play more than two big teams. The new rules, however, reduced the injuries, and made football less of a hardship, than previously. Harvard proved last year that she could play aother big team and took on Princeton. College men will be hopeful that Yale can expand, for it will tend to solve the somewhat unfortunate situation in the east. It is well understood that there is now a sort of standing invitation from Harvard for Cornell to play an annual game at Cambridge. With football relations patched up between Harvard and Princeton, there is no good reason why Yale and Pennsylvania should not resume griditron relations. The two universities are on the frienditiest of terms in all other departments of athletics, and a game betwen them would be the biggest drawing card that Yale could have, and since the Elis have expressed their desire for a game, that will come some-Particularly while the old rules were

By Edward R. Bushnell

where near filling their own stadium, there is good reason to believe that negotiations for such a game will soon be started, if they have not been already.

Yale's New Stadium.

If the Yale stadium actually seats 60,000 persons as planned, it will be by far the largest in America. At present the Harvard stadium is the most capacious, seating about 40,000 persons when the temporary stand at the north end of the stadium is up. The Yale management proposes to have its field some 20 feet below the present level. It is argued that its construction thus will make it easier to drain the field and cheaper of erection.

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Although the statement is entirely unofficial, it is said that Yale intends to offer the use of the new stadium to the Army and Navy football teams for their annual game. Yale men think it will solve the perennial difficulty of two academies to find a field large enough to accommodate their many friends. Franklin Field of the University of Pennsylvania has been the meeting place of the two rivals every year but once since 1898. Here, however, the two academies are handicapped for lack of sufficient seats, for the field does not accommodate more than 25,000. Biss certain that the game will be played in Franklin Field this

year, because that is part of the con-tract between the two academies and Pennsylvania. The Yale field of course will not be ready for use until next fall, and by that time the two acade-mies may consider a change.

AUSTRALIAN PROMOTER OFFERS \$60,000 TO JACK JOHNSON San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 13 .- Twelve thousand pounds sterling in purses, approximately \$60,000, is waiting in Aus-

proximately \$60,000, is waiting in Australia for Jack Johnson, the negro champion beavyweight, if he will go after it.

This word was brought here on the arrival of W. C. Kelly, agent for Hugh McIntosh, the Australian fight promoter. Kelly is on his way to meet Johnson in Chicago, and until he learned of the death of Johnson swife was confident of taking Johnson back with him when he returns.

The gross sum is split into three purses. For a fight between Johnson and Sam Lansford, McIntosh offers 15000. For a fight with Sam McVey or Jeanette he will give 13000.

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